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Ice Age National Scenic Trail

This week's National Park Getaway

Madison, Wis. – A mere 15,000 years ago during the Ice Age, mammoths, saber tooth cats and cave lions roamed the Earth. Much of North America lay under a huge glacier, and some of the best evidence of its presence is found in Wisconsin's many lakes, river valleys, gently rolling hills and ridges.

You can discover the glacier's handiwork along the Ice Age National Scenic Trail, which stretches nearly 1,200 miles across Wisconsin and traces the former glacier's edge. There are hundreds of access points along the trail between its western end in Interstate State Park on the St. Croix River in Polk County and its eastern end in Potawatomi State Park on Green Bay in Door County.

Start planning your hike along the Ice Age National Scenic Trail with the help of this 116th feature in the weekly series. These National Park Getaways, found at www.nps.gov/getaways, take you to places entrusted to the care of the National Park Service and its partners.

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